GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCOPE OF WORKS UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drought hit areas registered a decrease in employment under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to expand the scope of work by including 27 new works under NREGS such as pucca work, work on private land of small and marginal farmers, sanitation work, social services, construction of dwellings for BPL beneficiaries, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(DR. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 351 for answer on 14.12.09

(a) & (b): Status of implementation under NREGA in drought hit States in the country is Annexed.

(c) to (e): The benefits of works on individual lands as given in para 1
(iv) of Schedule I of NREG Act have been extended to small and marginal farmers vide Notification dated 22.7.2009 as per the following amendment:

`Provision of irrigation facility, horticulture plantation and land development facilities to land owned by households belonging to the Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes or below poverty line families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana of Government of India or that of the small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debit Relief Scheme,2008.

Further, construction of Bharat Nirman, Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra as Village Knowledge Resource Centre and Gram Panchayat Bhawan at Gram Panchayat level has been included as a permissible activity in para 1 of Schedule I of the Act vide Notification dated 11.11.2009.